

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 13, 2011

Agenda Item: Flathead River Rule Proposa

Division: Enforcement

Action Needed: Approval of Proposed Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

The U.S. Forest Service has adopted regulations restricting motorboats on portions of the North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork of the Flathead River. Currently, FWP wardens cannot enforce the rules. FWP recommends adopting the U.S. Forest Service restrictions so wardens can enforce them and help resolve complaints.

Public Involvement Process & Results

If the commission approves proposing the adoption of the restrictions, notice will be published in the Montana Administrative Register, the FWP website, and sent to interested persons as required in the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The public will have an opportunity to comment during the time established in the notice.

Alternatives and Analysis

If the commission does not approved proposing the restrictions, FWP wardens will not be able to address public complaints and concerns.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the commission initiate the process of adopting the restrictions on the Flathead River.

Proposed Motion

I move the FWP Commission propose adoption of restrictions on the Flathead River consistent with the U.S. Forest Service's restrictions.